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1. Information available on air ammunition stock levels of the 24th Air Army is incomplete. From reports received on other Soviet ammunition depots in East Germany, it may be inferred that air ammunition bombs, and rockets stored at present for Soviet Air Force units in East Germany, are adequate for a period of 4 to 6 weeks of active warfare. The following ammunition depots of the 24th Air Army, most of which are stocked with bombs, have been definitely determined:

2. Ammunition depot at Buckau/Framsdorf

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- a. The installation is located in the undestroyed former German Air Force ammunition depot 4 km south of Ziesar, 1 km west of the Buckau/Framsdorf railroad station. From this railroad station, a spur track extends into the depot. The ammunition is stocked in about 100 small semi-underground bunkers. Since 1947, ammunition shipments have been continuously observed arriving at the installation from the USSR. In April 1948, the filling facilities of the depot were allegedly put into operation again. The storage capacity of the installation is 20,000 tons. The turnover of ammunition observed at the depot indicates that it is the largest ammunition depot of the 24th Air Army.

- b. Between 1951 and 1954 the following quantities of ammunition arrived at the installation from the USSR:

1951 (September to December)	3,270 tons
1952	3,430 tons
1953	1,050 tons
1954	No incoming shipments prior to August 1954.

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- c. The following intrazonal ammunition shipments were observed at the installation between 24 April 1952 and 30 June 1954:

Date	Number of Railroad Carloads	Load	From	To
24 Apr. '52	5	ammunition	Buckau	Werneuchen
5 May '52	8	bombs	"	"
22 Jul. '52	6	bombs	"	"
25 Aug. '52	4	ammunition	"	Briesen
16 Feb. '53	9	bombs	"	Werneuchen
4 Mar. '53	4	wooden crates 120 to 130 cm high	"	"
24 Apr. '53	21	bombs	"	Dallgow
11 May '54	11	ammunition	"	Finow
26 May '54	4	"	"	Brand
28 May '54	6	"	"	Werneuchen
30 Apr. '52	3	empty crates	Briesen	Buckau
16 Nov. '52	3	empty bomb crates	Werneuchen	"
13 Oct. '53	1	military goods	"	"
1 Dec. '53	12	ammunition	Wilmersdorf	"
2 Jan. '54	8	"	"	"
8 Mar. '54	8	"	"	"
20 Apr. '54	6	military goods	Werneuchen	"
23 Apr. '54	7	"	Brand	"
30 Jun. '54	8	ammunition	Wilmersdorf	"

- d. The ammunition shipped from Wilmersdorf to Buckau may have been AAA ammunition, or ammunition for aircraft weapons. In 1952, rail shipments consisting of individual cars loaded with ammunition, presumably AAA ammunition were repeatedly observed en route between Wilmersdorf and the Finow, Brandis, Grossenhain, Lärz, Jüterbog, and Ellerholz airfields.

3. Ammunition depot at Finow/Biesenthal (Verwerk Biesenthal).

- a. The depot is located in the former air force ordnance depot at the airfield which is 3.5 km north of Biesenthal railroad station on the Biesenthal - Finow highway. A spur track runs from Finow railroad station into the installation. The ammunition depot consists of four or five large buildings each measuring about 100 x 20 x 8 meters. From the fact that the ammunition is stored in above-ground buildings it may be inferred that the Finow-Biesenthal installation is not an important ammunition depot. The storage capacity of the depot is estimated to be between 10,000 and 20,000 tons.

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- b. Between 1952 and August 1954, the following quantities of ammunition arrived at Finow-Biesenthal:

1952	3,255 tons
1953	2,595 tons
1954 (prior to August)	1,050 tons

These figures include some shipments for which the [] consignee was not stated. It is possible, therefore, that the figures include shipments dispatched to the GSGG ammunition depot at Finow-Waldeslust.

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- c. The following intrazonal ammunition shipments were observed at the installation between 18 September 1952 and 9 July 1954:

Date	Number of Railroad Carloads	Load	From	To
18 Sept. '52	4	55 tons of ammun.	Finow	Neubrandenburg []
31 Oct. '53	3	ammunition	"	Buckau []
27 Nov. '53	2	"	"	Jüterbog-Altes Lager []
18 Mar. '54	19	crated bombs	"	Dallgow
27 May '54	4	bombs	"	Werneuchen []
9 Jul. '54	17	ammunition	"	Buckau []

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4. An evaluation of all information received on the Döberitz Lager and Jüterbog air-field ammunition depots indicates that these installations are very probably minor dumps which serve the units stationed at Döberitz and Jüterbog airfields. On 30 January 1954, two railroad carloads of bombs were dispatched from Dallgow/Döberitz railroad station to both Brandis and Falkenberg.

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